

FLYING MACHINES NEEDED IN ARMY

Strong Indorsement of Aeroplanes by Secretary of War Dickinson.

ANNUAL REPORT TO CONGRESS

Total Estimates for Military Purposes Aggregate \$139,674,278.

Washington, December 9.—As might have been expected after his personal flights in aeroplanes in France, Secretary Dickinson comes out in his annual report with a strong indorsement of the flying machine, and with a recommendation to Congress for an appropriation to provide the Signal Corps with a number of aeroplanes for instruction purposes and field work.

He recalls the fact that the United States was the first nation officially to recognize the aeroplane for military purposes, and conducted at Fort Myer, in 1908, the first public flight of a heavier than air machine, yet it has since that date made no addition to its aeronautical equipment, which at present consists of one small dirigible balloon, one Wright aeroplane, and three small captive balloons. Nor has it added to its trained personnel, which at present consists of one signal corps lieutenant and nine enlisted men, on duty in connection with aeronautics. There is only one officer who is a licensed pilot for free balloons.

Need of Defenses.

The secretary called attention to the fact that the entrance to Chesapeake Bay, one of the most important points strategically on the Atlantic seacoast, is wholly unfortified, not a single gun being mounted to defend the channel between Cape Charles and Cape Henry. At another important point, the eastern entrance to Long Island Sound, additional guns are needed. Except for these instances, the seacoast defenses at all home ports are in a very satisfactory state, but much remains to be done in providing such auxiliaries as searchlights and in developing the fire control system, which will require about \$4,000,000 of expenditure.

Congress is asked to authorize an expenditure of \$19,546,843 for the fortification of the terminal of the Panama Canal, including the construction of posts for the permanent garrison, and \$7,000,000 of this sum should be made available immediately, in order to complete the project within three years. The additional sum of \$2,000,000 is also wanted immediately to be applied towards the creation of naval establishments in the canal zone as a necessary part of the defense of the canal.

Fewer Desertions.

The secretary notes with gratification a reduction by 30.6 per cent. in the number of desertions last year, compared with the preceding year. Altogether there were 3,461 desertions,

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or a percentage of 3.66 of the strength of the army, which was less than any fiscal year since 1899. The decrease was most marked in the engineers, field artillery and cavalry.

The death rate in the army last year was the lowest that has ever occurred, the total number being 370, of which 228 were from disease and 142 from injuries, six of the latter being killed by hostile forces in action or while on duty. Tuberculosis claimed the greatest number of victims, numbering forty-three, and there were fifty-one deaths from gunshot wounds. There were thirty-three suicides and fifteen homicides.

A remarkable fact is that no deaths occurred from sunstroke or snake bites among the troops in the tropics, nor from cold among the troops of Alaska and along the Northern frontier. Alaska, by the way, as in former years, had the best health record, decidedly exceeding the United States, which came second, followed by Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines. The rates for the Philippines, however, improves year by year, and now approximate more closely to those of the United States than those of the United States do to Alaska.

Shortage of Material.

The most serious feature of the present military situation and one that should be corrected immediately, in the opinion of Secretary Dickinson, is the shortage of field artillery material. There is a very inadequate supply of guns, carriages and ammunition, due largely to lack of appropriations. The types needed have been developed and some of each are under manufacture, but the appropriations do not

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Success has attended the efforts of the department to secure one-half of the personnel necessary for manning the coast fortifications from the militia of the seaboard States.

All of the coast States have provided for these coast artillery reserves except New Jersey, Delaware and Louisiana, and it is hoped that these States will fall in line next year.

Unfortunately, the secretary points out, the existing law does not declare distinctly the exact extent to which the militia may be employed in the service of the United States, and legislation should be had that would enable the War Department to determine in advance of war just what officers and troops of the militia can be depended upon for service and their suitability. The present law was built up piecemeal, during and since the Spanish-American war, and is at best only a temporary measure.

The secretary says that a comprehensive act providing for the organization of a volunteer army only after Congress has made a declaration of war would be of inestimable value if the country ever again is confronted with a foreign war. Such legislation would permit of the preparation in time of peace of all the necessary plans for the organization, equipment and supply of a volunteer army, and the selection of places for mobilization, thus avoiding delays that might be almost fatal to defense.

The nation, he insists, should be ready with a complete system of mobilization from a peace to a war establishment, in order to avoid the waste inseparable from going to war without full preparation.

The total estimates for military purposes for the next year, aggregate \$139,674,278, which is \$2,77,000 less than the appropriations for the current fiscal year, the decrease being due to the fact that the department is asking for less money for incidental expenses, post exchanges, transportation and supplies, public works, posts, clothing and camp equipment, arms and accoutrements at the Military Academy. On the other hand, slightly increased appropriations are asked for fortifications and other works of defense.

The secretary refers to his recent trip to the Philippines and declares that the result of the first year's application of the new tariff more than justified the prediction that the decrease of customs revenue would not be great and would be satisfactorily made up by an increase in internal revenue. The pressing need in health conditions, and he recommended the establishment of an efficient health department in the islands.

This report concluded with a strong recommendation that persons recommended by the reports of the chiefs of all the bureaus in the War Department, that some provision be made for the retirement on annuities of employees who have become superannuated in the service, thus following the practice which many railroads and other large business enterprises have found it advisable to adopt.

TURNED IN GOOD PAPER.

In the Richmond case, the man who stood the examination, while the real applicant was not present, turned in a most creditable paper, showing that he was well and properly qualified to practice his profession. Then he got his money and disappeared. The same trouble had been found in New York, Maryland and other States, the whole becoming so common that laws had to be enacted to demand the photograph system of identification.

When The Times-Dispatch published the details of the fake examination held in Richmond, the authorities were determined to make every effort to apprehend those alleged to be guilty.

The State Board of Dental Examiners kept steadily at work, the members realizing that it was necessary to protect the public from practitioners who were not qualified. They did not overlook the fact, however, that the guilty deserved severe punishment.

THE WEATHER

Forecast: Virginia—Fair, not quite so cold Saturday; Sunday increasing cloudiness and warmer, probably snow or rain in west portion; light, variable winds.

North Carolina—Fair Saturday, slightly warmer in the interior; Sunday fair, warmer in east, rain in west portion; light, variable winds.

CONDITIONS YESTERDAY.

8 A. M. temperature	26
Humidity	75
Wind, direction	North
Wind, velocity	4
Weather	Clear
12 noon temperature	32
3 P. M. temperature	32
Maximum temperature up to	5
P. M. temperature	37
Minimum temperature up to	3
P. M. temperature	31
Mean temperature	30
Normal temperature	30
Deficiency in temperature	12
Deficiency in temperature since	12
March	252
Accum. deficit in temperature	205
Excess in rainfall since March 1	2.81
Accum. excess in rainfall since	2.41
January 1	

CONDICTIONS IN IMPORTANT CITIES.

Place	Temp.	Wind	Weather
Charlotte	46	52	Clear
Asheville	44	44	Clear
Greenville	38	44	Clear
Wilmington	42	44	Clear
Norfolk	44	36	Clear
Hatteras	38	48	Clear
Augusta	42	48	Clear
Jacksonville	52	62	Clear
Jupiter	56	68	Clear
Tampa	64	62	Clear
Charleston	48	48	Clear
Pittsburg	42	42	Clear
Chicago	28	30	P. cloudy
Oklahoma	48	58	Clear
Albuquerque	48	58	Clear
New Orleans	60	70	Clear
Mobile	56	62	Cloudy
Atlanta	48	48	Clear
Kansas City	40	40	Clear
Boston	20	28	Clear
New York	22	28	Clear

TIDE TABLE.

December 10, 1910.

Morning tide 11:00

Evening tide 11:15

JUDGE DECLARES MRS. MARTIN SANE

She Must Now Stand Trial on the Charge of Murder.

CASE SET FOR JANUARY 9

Accused, With Sister, of Causing Death of Mrs. O'cey Sneed.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Newark, N. J., December 9.—Judge TenEyck, who for the past few weeks has been hearing testimony regarding the mental condition of Mrs. Caroline B. Martin, one of the two wardway sisters accused of the murder of a young man in East Orange some months ago, to-day declared the woman to be sane, within the meaning of the statute. In consequence of this decision of the judge, Mrs. Martin will have to stand trial for the murder of the woman with her sister, Mrs. Sneed, on January 9, the date which has been set for the trial to begin.

Counsel for Mrs. Martin, in order to establish her apparent unbalanced mind, spared no expense to bring witnesses from distant points, and in some cases those who testified remained here for several days, after having been brought up from the Southern town where the woman lived, and conducted a school for many years. The brother and sister of the woman also made the journey from their home in the South to tell of the eccentricities of the alleged murderers. Physicians who had examined the woman in jail testified that they considered the woman of unbalanced mind at the present time.

Made Careful Study.
Judge TenEyck, however, made a careful study of the actions of the woman during the time she was before him in the inquiry, and he also on three or four occasions held a private conference with the woman and her counsel in his chambers. On one of these occasions Mrs. Martin's voice could be plainly heard by those who were in the court room corridor.

On a number of occasions, while the inquiry was in progress, and frequently by white witnesses were testifying, Mrs. Martin would rise up from her chair and shout out, "Hail," or some other violent expression to the witnesses. These outbreaks occurred so often that Judge TenEyck told the woman that unless she kept quiet while in court he would not permit her to be present at all.

Mrs. Martin will be kept either in the jail or in the hospital connected with the jail until the trial is begun.

REPORT CAUSES SHARP ADVANCE

Government's Estimate Makes New High Record for Season.

New York, December 9.—The government's annual estimate of the cotton crop was published to-day, and caused a very sharp advance in prices of all active deliveries, making new high records for the season in the New York market, with many contracts selling at 15 1/2 cents, or 64 points, equal to \$2.20 per bale above the closing figures of the previous day. At this price there was a sensational boom in realizing by bull speculators, but the prospect for an American crop of 11,426,000 bales, excluding linters, seemed to be dimming in buying orders from all directions, and a quick break from 15.50 to 15.12, May quickly rallied to 15.30 in an active and excited market.

This was a big business right up to the last moment, and the market closed firm at a net advance of 27 1/2 points, with May contracts quoted at 15.30, compared with 15.02, the closing price of last night.

Encouragement to Bulls.

New Orleans, December 9.—Bulls in the cotton market received to-day decided encouragement from the estimate of the total cotton crop of this season, the government of Agriculture. The figures were 11,426,000 bales, and prices on futures were put just about half a cent a pound, or 2 1/2 points, above yesterday's close.

The report was issued at 1 o'clock. Previous to that time the market was nervous, and quotations were narrow. At 1:30, when the more active points were four points over yesterday's close, in the first fifteen minutes of trading, following the estimate, prices advanced 24 1/2 points, later the advance was widened to 40 to 42 points over the levels ruling at 1 o'clock, and to 51 points over yesterday's last closing, when the market closed at a net advance for the day of 25 to 30 points.

The estimate was a surprise to the majority of traders. Early in the session it was announced that 152 exchange members had estimates and the average was 11,501,000, the highest was 12,228,000, and the lowest 10,855,000.

The exchange was crowded with visitors, many coming hundreds of miles to witness the scene, attending "bureau day." While the morning session was quiet, even dull, the early part of the afternoon saw wild trading, with the ring howling mob of brokers struggling to fill the buying orders pouring in from all parts of the cotton country. Between 1 and 1:30 o'clock enormous business was done, but toward the close the ring was quieter.

CHILD FATALLY BURNED.

Dress Catches Fire and Serious Injuries.
[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
Norfolk, Va., December 9.—With the father desperately ill with pneumonia in a Federal hospital, and a six-year-old child in a Norfolk hospital, hovering between life and death as the result of burns, the body of a young woman, Mrs. Henry Westmoreland, of Lambert's Point, is one of gloom tonight.

AUGUSTA'S FIGURES REVISED.

Washington, December 9.—A revision of the 1910 population figures for Augusta, Ga., announced tonight by Director Burdett, gives that city a population of 41,040, an increase of 1,500, or 4.1 per cent, over 39,541 in 1900. The first census was taken in the thirteenth census, population of Augusta was 37,828, a decrease of 1,613 from the 1900 figures.

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AMUSEMENTS.

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Bijou—"The Lion and the Mouse," matinee and night.
Lubin—Vaudeville.

"The Arcadians."

Judging from the roars of laughter and salutes of applause that rang and echoed in the Academy of Music last night, "The Arcadians," made a hit with one of the few good houses of the season.

The first act went a bit slowly—chiefly because the costume of "Arcady, the Bleat," is somewhat trying to the faces and forms of chorus men and women, and, to some extent, because of the simplicity of the plot. Simplicity is not naturally funny, though he worked faithfully and hard. Still, the genuinely pretty music and the act, and the audience in a receptive mood, as it were.

During the other two acts there were very few moments when numbers in the house were not either laughing, applauding or listening intently and the conventional evening dress made the men less amusing and the women a thousand times prettier. The music is always attractive and interesting, and at times, really beautiful, particularly as it was presented last night, in its orchestration. And, by the way, the orchestra was augmented by some excellent ten pieces, which added greatly to the performance. The chorus, while exceedingly well drilled both by the musical director and by the dancing master, lacked singers.

Of the principals, Alice Russon, as Ellen, a slip of an Irish girl with blue eyes "put in with smutty fingers," was easily the star. She sang well enough and danced most gracefully and charmingly. As a matter of fact, her dance with Vernon Davidson (last night) was a real treat. In "The Prima Donna," with Fritz Scheff, was the hit of the performance—really a beautiful bit of dancing, which drew many encores. Marie Shields, as Mrs. Smith, got the best out of her small part. The slap-stick comedy of her scene, song, and dance with Simplicity drew roars of laughter from the house. Ruth Thorpe, as Sonora, in spite of her rather dark make-up, seemed to win the sympathy of the house. She had a great deal of singing to do, and apparently the audience enjoyed it immensely, not objecting to her flitting on the high notes. Quentin Tod, as Bobby, gave a good

OFFICERS OF SOUTHBOUND.

Appointments Announced by President Emerson of A. G. L.

Wilmington, N. C., December 2.—In line with the announcement that its executive control and operation would be in charge of the Atlantic Coast Line, which constructed it in conjunction with the Norfolk and Western Railway, President T. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line and vice-president of the subsidiary corporation, with the approval of H. E. Fries, the president, has issued circulars covering appointments of officers of the Winston-Salem Southbound Railway, effective December 1, as follows:

General Manager, W. N. Royall; Passenger Traffic Manager, W. J. Craig; Freight Traffic Manager, R. A. Brand; Chief Engineer, E. B. Pleasant; General Superintendent of Transportation, E. Borden; General Superintendent of Motive Power, R. E. Smith; General Agent, H. C. Prince, Jr.; Treasurer, James P. Post, vice W. F. Shaffner, resigned; Purchasing Agent, F. H. Fechtig, vice E. T. Burnett, resigned.

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